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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF ITALIAN HELICOPTERS TO LIBYA

REFS: A. STATE 17475; B. STATE 43579

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, THE MISSION HAS SECURED FORMAL WRITTEN UNDERTAKINGS IN FORM OF NOTE VERBALE FROM MINISTRY OF FONAFF, ON THIRD COUNTRY TRANSFERS WITH RESPECT TO THE HELICOPTERS AND THE US- ORIGIN EQUIPMENT SOLD BY ITALY TO LIBYA EARLIER IN 1972.

2. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF MFA NOTE VERBALE (NO. 072/ BIS 0077, DATED FEB 5, 1973): QTE. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO REFER TO NOTE VERBALE NO. 69 OF FEB 1, 1973 FROM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE SALE TO LIBYA BY ITALIAN FIRMS OF:
A) FIVE AB-205 A1, TWO AB-212 AND TWENTY CH47 CHINOOK HELICOPTERS MANUFACTURED IN ITALY UNDER UNITED STATES LICENSE
B) THE MATERIAL, OF UNITED STATES DESIGN OR ORIGIN, LISTED IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF MAY 18, 1972.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THAT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT UNDER-TAKES NOT TO GRANT TO THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT APPROVAL OF THE TRANS-FER OF TITLE TO OR POSSESSION OF THE MATERIAL LISTED IN THE AFORE-
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MENTIONED POINTS A AND B WITHOUT THE PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TAKES THIS OCCASION TO RENEW TO
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF ITS
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQTE.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE MINI-GUN QUESTION, THE GOI FULLY UNDER-
STANDS THAT USG APPROVAL OF HELICOPTER SALE DOES NOT INCLUDE
AUTHORITY TO SELL THIS SYSTEM TO LIBYA.

4. COPIES OF MAY 18, 1972 EMBASSY AIDE MEMORE AND FEB 1, 1973
EMBASSY NOTE VERBALE, REFERRED TO ABOVE, BEING SENT TO DEPT UNDER
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